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**Request
for
Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal**

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| Application Number | 10/721,723 |
| Filing Date | November 25, 2003 |
| First Named Inventor | Michael P. Corcoran |
| Art Unit | 3734 |
| Examiner Name | Kevin Thao Truong |
| Attorney Docket Number | C516.12-0005 |
| Express Mail No. | EM299373730US |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - ii. Other The Amendment After Final filed February 9, 2009 _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iii. Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
 - iv. Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

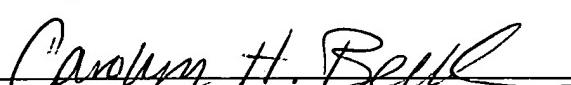
- a. Suspension of action on the above identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0982
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$ 405.00 _____ enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO 2038 enclosed)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| Signature |  | Date | March 27, 2009 |
| Name (Print/Type) | Carolyn H. Beck | Registration No. | 57,588 |



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| METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One) | | | | | | | |
| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. 11-0982. Deposit Account Name: Kinney & Lange, P.A. | | | | | | | |
| 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed | | | | | | | |
| FEE CALCULATION | | | | | | | |
| 1. BASIC FILING FEE | | | | | | | |
| Appn. Type | | FILING FEE Fee/Small | SEARCH FEES Fee/Small | EXAM FEES Fee/Small | FEES PD. | | |
| Utility | | 330 / 165 | 540 / 275 | 220 / 110 | | | |
| Design | | 220 / 110 | 100 / 50 | 140 / 70 | | | |
| Reissue | | 330 / 165 | 540 / 270 | 650 / 325 | | | |
| Provisional | | 220 / 110 | -0- / -0- | -0- / -0- | | | |
| | | Subtotal (1) \$ | | -0- | | | |
| 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES | | | | | | | |
| Number Claims | | Prior | Extra | Fee from Fee Paid Below | | | |
| Total | | - - | - X | - = - | | | |
| Indep. | | - - | - X | - = - | | | |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | | | | - = - | | | |
| Insert 3 and 20, or number previously paid if greater; Reissue see below | | | | | | | |
| Large Entity Fee Code | | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Description | | |
| 1202 | | 52 | 2202 | 26 | Claims in excess of 20 | | |
| 1201 | | 220 | 2201 | 110 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | | |
| 1203 | | 390 | 2203 | 195 | Multiple Dependent Claim | | |
| 1204 | | 220 | 2204 | 110 | Reissue Independent Claims Over Original Patent | | |
| 1205 | | 52 | 2205 | 26 | Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | | |
| 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE | | | | | | | |
| If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$270 (\$135 small) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 C.F.R. 1.16(s). Subtotal (2) \$-0- | | | | | | | |
| Subtotal (3) \$ 405.00 | | | | | | | |
| Other fee (specify) _____ | | | | | | | |

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Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below:

1. Fee Transmittal with attached check for 405.00;
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Respectfully submitted,

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